

We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth.

This section of Matthew's Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew's intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering cannot be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavor to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.

--Loyola Press



A Second Collection will be taken up next weekend (June 27/28) for Peter's Pence. The offerings of the faithful to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects as well as to the support of the Holy See.



The Lord Is My Help needs volunteers to pack take-out lunches from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. and/or to serve lunch from 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (no cooking involved) the week of June 29th - July 2nd.

If you are able to volunteer your time on any of these days at either/both of the times, please call Jamie Lloyd at 713-818-6071. Any help would be greatly appreciated.



Attention St. Alphonsus Graduating High School Seniors: There is a \$1,000 Scholarship available from **The Chris Nielsen Scholarship Fund** to be awarded by the Knights of Columbus. If interested in applying for this scholarship, please email Brian Sanderson at bsanderson@cardinalgroupllc.com to receive the requirements and registration form. **Deadline: June 30, 2026.**



St. Alphonsus will host a Holy Hour for Vocations in the Church on Monday, July 13th from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. All are invited.



Save The Date: The Annual Mass of Wedding Anniversaries will take place on Sunday, October 4th at 2:00 p.m. at the Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65 or 70 years of marriage or more in 2026 are welcome to attend.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$12,463.86
Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 3,386.15

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JUNE 22
2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18;	Matthew 7:1-5
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Joe Prejean
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Hannah May
TUESDAY	JUNE 23
2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36;	Matthew 7:6, 12-14
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Michael Staley
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Robert Cox
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 24
Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26;	Luke 1:57-66, 80
6:30 a.m.	Mr. John Morano
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Michael J. Gatschet
THURSDAY	JUNE 25
2 Kings 24:8-17; Matthew 7:21-29	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Bryan Moe
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Marge Bailey
FRIDAY	JUNE 26
2 Kings 25:1-12; Matthew 8:1-4	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Debbie Javorsky
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Jean Griggs
SATURDAY	JUNE 27
Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19;	Matthew 8:5-17
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Tony Ellis
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Jeffrey Brochard
SUNDAY	JUNE 28
2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a;	Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matt 10:37-42
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Billy Gianelloni
9:00 a.m.	Congregation
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Bridget Shepherd
5:30 p.m.	Dr. Charles M. Holman



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Beckett Bassenger, Betty Bodin, Michael Bosarge, Bryleigh Brochard, Roland Broussard, Roxie Buckles, Arlene Burns, Mildred "Tootsie" Caillavet, Benny Cantin, Marshall Car, Jennifer Catchot, Clifford Claverie, Scott Claverie, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Marjorie DuBois, Michelle Dyess, Rose Mary Eagan, Dawn Fountain, Nija Fountain, Barbara Fournier, Gordon Gaethe, Caroline Gautier, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Margie Gammon, Sandra Grantham, Richard Harrison, Trent Hartzog, James Hebert, Margaret Hebert, Olivia Hood, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Jeff Janus, Ashley Jensen, Fr. Jey Jordan, Lora Jordan, Otis Kaufman, Myra Kittle, Bill Kortman, Mary Krystosek, Daisie Laborde, Carol Latham, Nelda Latour, Judy and Randy Lesso, Mary Lewis, Gordon Mathieu, Shellie McDaniel, Mrs. McKinney Steve Merkel, Thelma Miller, Iva Misko, Edward Necaice, Donna and Edward Necaice Jr., Terese Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, Cody Parker, Scott Parker, Kathy Pasquini, Janice Pepper, The Petitjean Family, Jean Petricca, MaraLou Guice Richards, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Margaret Rucinski, Julia Sarpy, Courtney Severino, Glenn Sigurnjak, Myrt Talbott, Brittany and John Thornton, Sarah Galle Traylor, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, Ashley Vickers and Glenn Williams, Sr. and all our Homebound Parishioners.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Deceased Altar Society Members



June is the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Eucharistic adoration, where the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ is exposed in the Blessed Sacrament, is a powerful way to draw closer to His Sacred Heart and to experience His Real Presence. Jesus, having a human heart, experienced all of the emotions that we experience in this life....love, joy, happiness, pain, sorrow, loneliness, fear, stress. Jesus knows everything about us and everything we are going through and He wants to show us that He understands. He wants to give you His endless love. He wants to show us that His love has no bounds. Come and experience this love that pours out of His most Sacred Heart onto you and me. He is waiting to share it with you!

Lord Jesus, let my heart never rest until it finds You, who are its center, its love, and its happiness. By the wound in your heart, pardon the sins that I have committed whether out of malice or out of evil desires. Place my weak heart in your own divine heart, continually under your protection and guidance, so that I may persevere in doing good and in fleeing evil until my last breath. Amen

~St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

If you currently have a designated Adoration hour on the We Adore Him website and have not been going for three months or more, your name will be removed from the schedule. If you need to try a new hour, please visit stalphonus.us.weadorehim.com to view the schedule and choose a new hour.



PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Our Lady is asking you, individually or with your family or ministry, to pray the Rosary together for peace, healing, hope, conversion, penance and prayer.

The sign-up sheet is in the front of the Church. You will be notified when it is your turn to take the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima home for one week. The statue will be transferred to you after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Instructions and an explanation on how to pray the Rosary will be provided with the statue.

Our Lady said: "Pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the world."



Our Parish App is one great way to help make the liturgical season more present in your daily life.

Helpful reflections will aid you in reflecting on the Mass readings each day. Also - under FORMED, you will be able to stream hundreds of hours of inspiring movies and video series, read bestselling Catholic eBooks, and listen to audio presentations from the Church's most compelling speakers and is available from virtually any device...anytime, anywhere. **Don't have the App or FORMED yet?** If you have either an iPhone or Android smart phone you can download the App by texting **App** to phone number 55321, or by visiting myparishapp.com. To gain access to FORMED - go to the website at www.formed.org and enter our Parish Code flf5a9 (case sensitive) on the homepage, create an account with your user name/email and password.



Parish Registration: Parishioner Registration:

When planning a baptism, marriage, or to obtain subsidized tuition rates for our Catholic Schools, you must be able to demonstrate that you are a practicing Catholic and that you do attend Mass. It is the Church, not just this parish, which insists that signs of good faith commitment be present on these occasions. Using envelopes helps maintain a record of contributions and Mass attendance. Parish registration forms may be obtained in the Vestibule of the Church or at the Parish Office during regular office hours.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



The Catholic Diocese of Biloxi is seeking a Director of Finance to lead and oversee financial operations across the Diocese, including the Chancery, Catholic Charities, and related ministries.

This key leadership role serves as the primary financial advisor to the Bishop, ensuring sound financial planning, strong internal controls, and faithful stewardship of Church resources. The Director works closely with clergy and diocesan leadership to promote transparency, accountability, and alignment with the mission of fostering Discipleship in Christ.

Candidates should have a bachelor's degree (advanced degree preferred), 7-10 years of financial management experience—ideally in a nonprofit setting—and a commitment to Catholic values. CPA certification is preferred. For full details and/or to apply, please visit: <https://www.biloxidiocese.org/director-finance>



In the Gospel today, we hear Jesus say: "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."

This week, know that you will be bringing hope to the poor by your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



Men, put aside the "hustle and bustle" of daily life and be part of the upcoming men's "Road to Emmaus" retreat the weekend of July 24th - 26th.

The retreat is held on the Gulf Coast at W. J. Kelly Retreat Center in Bay Saint Louis.

The retreat is based on the scripture passage which includes Jesus' appearance on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24: 13-35) and is an uplifting spiritual experience that has a profound effect on men's lives.

The retreat begins at 4:00 p.m. on Friday and ends after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday. Round trip transportation is provided from St. Dominic Church, New Orleans.

Please don't ignore this opportunity, but pray on it instead. Something special awaits you on the Road to Emmaus. Website registration can be done here: <https://stdominicparish.com/emmaus>. Please contact the following men for additional information: Norm Madere 504-481-0411 or Steve Schulkens 504-401-6990.



The feast day of St. Alphonsus, our patron saint, is Saturday, August 1st. Planning is underway for our annual St. Alphonsus Day celebration. To help with planning or the event itself, please contact John McMackin at 228-229-6236 or the Parish Office at 228-875-5419.



Please join us in praying the Rosary. **MONDAY** through **SATURDAY** after the 8:15 a.m. Mass in the Church.

The Rosary is a very special prayer, one that has many benefits for those who pray it devoutly and faithfully every day. So important is it, that at the first apparition of Fatima in 1917, Our Lady chose to identify herself as, "The Lady of the Rosary." It is a prayer loved by many of the saints. The Rosary is a prayer that fits perfectly into the spiritual life of all who seek to allow the Blessed Mother to be their light to Christ, to show them the path to Jesus.

In his Apostolic Letter, Rosarium Virginis Mariae, Pope Saint John Paul II states in his introduction: "The Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer. In the sobriety of its elements, it has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium..." (RVM, 1)

HURRICANE PRAYER

O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear into praise of your goodness. Protect us from hurricanes and disasters of nature. We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (Save and pray frequently)